

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A composition for treating hard surfaces comprising

- a) at least one water-soluble or water-dispersible compound as component A,
which is prepared by reacting
 - aa) a compound selected from the group consisting of
polyalkylenepolyamines, polyamidoamines grafted with
ethyleneimine, polyether-amines and mixtures of said compounds, as
component Aa,
 - ab) a compound selected from the group consisting of bifunctional
crosslinkers having, as a functional group, a halogenhydrin, glycidyl,
aziridine or isocyanate unit or a halogen atom, as component Ab, and
 - ac) a monoethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acids acid selected from
the group consisting of acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, ethylacrylic acid,
salts, esters, amides or nitriles of monoethylenically unsaturated
carboxylic acids, and mixtures thereof;
- b) at least one surfactant selected from the group consisting of anionic, nonionic,
amphoteric and cationic surfactants, as component B;
- c) optionally at least one water-soluble organic solvent, as component C;
- d) optionally ammonia, alkanolamine or both ammonia and alkanolamine, as
component D;
- e) optionally at least one acid selected from the group consisting of inorganic
acid, carboxylic acid and sulfonic acid, as component E;
- f) optionally at least one builder, as component F;
- g) optionally auxiliaries and additives, as component G; and

- h) water.

Claim 2 (Original): The composition according to claim 1, comprising

- a) 0.01 to 40% by weight, of component A;
- b) 0.01 to 80% by weight, of component B;
- c) 0 to 50% by weight, of component C;
- d) 0 to 5% by weight, of component D;
- e) 0 to 5% by weight, of component E;
- f) 0 to 10% by weight, of component F;
- g) 0 to 5% by weight, of component G; and
- h) water,

so that the total amount of components A to G and water is 100% by weight.

Claim 3 (Original): The composition according to claim 1, wherein component Aa is a polyalkyleneamine.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The composition according to claim 1, wherein the component Ab is selected from the group consisting of epihalohydrin, α,ω -bis-(chlorohydrin) polyalkylene glycol ether, α,ω -bis(epoxide) of polyalkylene glycol ether, and bis-glycidyl ether or mixtures thereof.

Claim 5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The composition according to claim 1, wherein component B is selected from the group consisting of fatty alcohol sulfates, alkyl ether sulfates, fatty alcohol alkoxylates and mixtures thereof.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The composition according to claim 1, wherein component C is present and is selected from the group consisting of glycerol, propylene glycol, ethylene glycol, ethanol, isopropanol, n-propanol, ethylene glycol monobutyl ethers, propylene glycol monobutyl ethers and mixtures thereof.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The composition according to claim 1, wherein component D is present and is ammonia, monoethanolamine or both ammonia and monoethanolamine, component E is present and is selected from the group consisting of formic acid, acetic acid, citric acid, lactic acid and amidosulfonic acid or both component D and E.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A process for the preparation of a water-soluble or water-dispersible compounds compound comprising:

- i) crosslinking of a compound selected from the group consisting of polyalkylenepolyamines, polyamidoamines grafted with ethyleneimine, polyether-amines, and mixtures of said compounds as component Aa,

with

a compound selected from the group consisting of at least bifunctional crosslinkers having, as functional group, a halogenhydrin, glycidyl, aziridine or isocyanate unit or a halogen atom, as component Ab;

and

ii) reaction of the product obtained in step i) with a compound selected from the group consisting of monoethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acids, salts, esters, amides or nitriles of monoethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acids, [[or]] and mixtures thereof, as component Ac.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): A water-soluble or water-dispersible compound prepared by a process according to claim 9.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): A process for treating hard surfaces, comprising bringing the hard surfaces into contact with a composition according to claim 1.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): A process for the treatment of hard surfaces for rapid and streak-free drying, ease of soil release, reduction in or prevention of the condensation of water and the formation of dried-on traces of water on the hard surfaces, comprising the step of bringing the hard surfaces into contact with at least one water-soluble or water-dispersible ~~compounds~~ compound which [[are]] is prepared by reacting

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polyalkylenepolyamines, polyamidoamines grafted with
ethyleneimine, polyether-amines and mixtures of said compounds, as
component Aa,
- ab) a compound selected from the group consisting of bifunctional
crosslinkers having, as a functional group, a halogenhydrin, glycidyl,
aziridine or isocyanate unit or a halogen atom, as component Ab, and
- ac) a monoethylenically unsaturated carboxylic ~~acids~~ acid selected from
the group consisting of acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, ethylacrylic acid,

salts, esters, amides or nitriles of monoethylenically unsaturated
carboxylic acids, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): A process for the treatment of hard surfaces for rapid and streak-free drying, ease of soil release, reduction in or prevention of the condensation of water and the formation of dried-on traces of water on the hard surfaces, comprising bringing the hard surfaces into contact with a composition as claimed in claim 1.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 11, wherein the composition is selected from the group consisting of glass cleaners, floor cleaners, all-purpose cleaners, bath cleaners, rinse aids, dishwashing detergents for hand or machine dishwashing, machine cleaners, paint degreasers and dairy cleaners.